

Joan Didion

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like a blue painter
of gray California dreams
on storied canvas

like a rainbow trout
gliding 'neath translucent ice
watching our shoe-soles

like a muscle man
reading Roth on Venice Beach
as tidal wave hits

like a suntanned girl
nursing a Virginia Slim
trying to look cool

all in a language
I wrongly thought I write well
you take me away



Reflections on Didion's book of essays, *The White Album*, and other works

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